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SUBJECT: PERON'S SECOND MEETING WITH YOUTH

REF BA 0872

1. SUMMARY. PERON HELD THE SECOND OF HIS WEEKLY MEETINGS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF PERONIST YOUTH (JP) GROUPS. HIS STATEMENTS REPRESENTED HIS CLEAREST AND HARSHTEST ATTACK TO DATE AGAINST LEFTIST JP LEADERS OF THE "REVOLUTIONARY TENDENCY." END SUMMARY

2. PERON HELD THE SECOND OF HIS WEEKLY MEETINGS WITH YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES ON FEB 7. AS IN THE FIRST MEETING LAST WEEK (SEE BA 0872) ONLY MODERATE AND RIGHT WING LEADERS WERE IN ATTENDANCE. THE HEADS OF THE LOOSE COLLECTION OF LEFTIST PERONIST YOUTH (JP) GROUPS MAKING UP THE "REVOLUTIONARY TENDENCY" AGAIN CHOSE TO ABSENT THEMSELVES (IF INDEED THEY WERE INVITED). THERE WERE PRESENT, HOWEVER, DISSIDENTS FROM THE JP REGIONAL GROUPS I, II AND VIII WHO ARE IN DISAGREEMENT WITH THE LEADERS OF THOSE GROUPS. THE EIGHT JP REGIONALS ARE AMONG THE "TENDENCY" ORGANIZATIONS.

3. SPEAKING WITH UNCHARACTERISTIC BLUNTNESS, PERON MENTIONED THE NEED FOR A "PURIFICATION." HE POINTED OUT THAT DESPITE HIS

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REQUEST AT A MEETING SOME MONTHS BACK THAT THE YOUTH REORGANIZE

THEMSELVES AND ELECT REPRESENTATIVE LEADERS, THE LEADERSHIP OF YOUTH, AND NOT THE YOUNG PEOPLE THEMSELVES, CONSTITUTED THE PROBLEM.

4. THOSE WHO SHOUT "VIVA PERON" BUT REALLY WANT HIS DEATH AND WHO WOULD JOIN ONE MOVEMENT WHILE WANTING THE OPPOSITE OF WHAT THAT MOVEMENT STANDS FOR ARE, HE SAID, "FOOLS." HE MENTIONED THE "REVOLUTIONARY TENDENCY" BY NAME IN HIS REMARKS AND IN RESPONSE TO LEFTIST CHARGES THAT THE RIGHT-WING YOUTH LEADER REPRESENTED NO ONE, ALSO SAID HE WOULD PREFER A GOOD MAN (READ ORTHODOX PERONIST) AT THE HEAD OF FIVE FOLLOWERS RATHER THAN A BAD ONE AT THE HEAD OF FIVE THOUSAND.

5. COMMENT. PERON'S REMARKS ARE CLEARLY DIRECTED AT THE CURRENT LEADERSHIP OF THE LEFTIST JP IN AN EFFORT TO SEPARATE THEM FROM THE MEMBERS OF THE ORGANIZATIONS THEY HEAD. HE IS APPARENTLY CONFIDENT (AND PROBABLY JUSTIFIABLY SO) THAT THE RANK AND FILE WILL FOLLOW HIM AND NOT THEM. THE STRENGTH OF HIS REMARKS WOULD MAKE IT SEEM HE HOPES TO PROVOKE, ON THE ONE HAND, A SUFFICIENTLY STRONG REACTION ON THE PART OF THE LEADERS TO PROVIDE THE EXCUSE FOR EXPELLING THEM FROM THE MOVEMENT, AND, ON THE OTHER, A MOVE WITHIN THE RANK AND FILE TO DEFY THE LEADERSHIP. THE QUESTION NOW BECOMES, "HOW WILL THE LEFTIST JP LEADERS REACT?" IF THEY DO LEAVE THE MOVEMENT, HOW MANY WILL FOLLOW THEM AND WHERE WILL THEY GO? SOME MAY DRIFT OVER TO GROUPS LIKE THE NEWLY FORMED REVOLUTIONARY PERONIST FRONT (FRP) WHICH IS OPENLY CRITICIZING PERON FOR BEING A CAPTIVE OF THE RIGHT AND PRAISING ERP'S AZUL RAID. EMBASSY BELIEVES, HOWEVER, THAT WHILE LEADERS AND SOME OTHERS MAY GO OVER, BULK OF JP WILL STICK WITH PERON.

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